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SUBJECT: VIETNAM - AVIAN FLU (AI) UPDATE #11

CURRENT STATUS

11. (U) THE WHO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM REPORTS NO NEW CASES OF AVIAN INFLUENZA IN HUMANS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 19 CONFIRMED HUMAN CASES OF H5N1, OF WHICH 14 HAVE DIED.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

12. (U) MONETARY AND IN-KIND SUPPORT CONTINUE TO BE PLEDGED. WHO IS THE INTERMEDIARY. NEWLY ANNOUNCED DONATIONS INCLUDE 1,000,000 EUROS FROM THE EU, \$15,000 FROM GERMANY, AND CLINICAL SUPPORT FROM HONG KONG.

STAFFING

13. (U) U.S. CDC PERSONNEL CURRENTLY IN COUNTRY WILL RETURN HOME BY FEBRUARY 15, 2004. A REPLACEMENT FOR THE DATA MANAGER IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BY FEBRUARY 15. NO REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF OTHER STAFF IS ANTICIPATED.

CULLING

14. (U) VIETNAM ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL NOT EXTEND CULLING TO ALL BIRDS WITHIN A 3KM PERIMETER OF AN INFECTED FLOCK AS PER THE WHO GUIDELINES FOR CULLING.

PPE

15. (U) HOSPITALS CONTINUE TO REPORT CRITICAL SHORTAGES OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL. SHORTAGES OF PPE CONTINUE AMONG CULLERS AND OTHERS WHO HANDLE POTENTIALLY INFECTED BIRDS. WHO REPORTS THAT THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF PPE WILL GO EXCLUSIVELY TO THOSE CULLING. LATER SHIPMENTS WILL BE APPORTIONED TO HEALTH CARE SETTINGS.
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